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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: SCOTT E. BOATMAN et al.  
Appln. No.: 09/848,742  
Filed: May 3, 2001  
For: MEDICAL DEVICE INCLUDING  
UNITARY, CONTINUOUS PORTION  
OF VARYING DUROMETER  
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Examiner: C. Williams  
Art Unit: 3763

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2004 and the case interview conducted on June 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2; and
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 8.

Applicants note that the Transmittal to which this paper is attached includes a Certificate under 37 C.F.R §1.8; and a fee statement calculating any fee(s) presently due in connection with the filing of this paper, along with an authorization to charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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